

## Churchill's Party Offers to Spur Enterprise, Halt Nationalizing

London, Jan. 26 (AP)—Winston Churchill's conservatives promised today to run Britain's welfare state more economically, with less rationing and a halt to nationalization if they are elected February 23.

The tory manifesto, issued a week after that of Prime Minister Attlee's labor party, pledged to maintain the country's huge national health plan and other social services, at the same time cutting taxes.

The campaign platform was aimed principally at stopping the present labor regime's socialist trend. It also called for encouragement to American and British investors in the British colonies as a source of income.

It pledged close cooperation with the United States to help "all countries in Europe, Asia or elsewhere to resist the aggression of communism."

Noting that U.S. dollar aid is due to end in 1952, the tory platform called for cheaper production at home and an empire economic conference to promote dollar-earning exports.

"We shall bring nationalization to a full stop here and now," the conservatives said.

They promised to repeal the labor-sponsored law which is scheduled to put British iron and steel industries under state ownership on January 1, 1951.

Standing for private enterprise, they said they oppose the labor party's proposal to nationalize sugar, cement, meat, wholesaling and water-works.

Wherever possible, they said, they would offer to sell nationalized truck lines and bus and streetcar lines back to their original private owners.

The manifesto advocated a measure of free enterprise for civil aviation, now in government hands, with eventual abolition of the cabinet ministry of civil aviation. Also on the conservatives' abolition list was the ministry of supply which controls the nation's purchases and distribution of materials.

Abolition of the ministry of supply was in line with the tory policy to do away with government bulk buying, especially of imported foods, throwing that job back to private dealers who they believe could get better

bargains and better quality.

The tories said they believed a substantial cut in government spending is "necessary and possible."

They said Britain's economic position would be much better "if a tenth of even a twentieth" of the current yearly budget of 3,300,000,000 pounds (\$9,240,000,000) could be saved.

With these proposed cuts in government spending a major point in the program was reduction of both direct and indirect taxation.

They maintained that the tax cuts also would enable them to reduce the subsidies the government has paid out to farmers to keep food prices down.

Although the main clash between the tories and the laborites is on the issue of government ownership of industry, the conservatives did not recommend immediate return of all nationalized industry to private hands.

In the case of the socialized coal industry and government-owned railroads, conservatives said they would decentralize the administrations to promote more efficiency.

They promised to "decide the future of the gas and electricity boards (also presently in government hands) when we have had more experience in the operation."

Like the laborites, they said full employment was their first aim.

"The conservatives also would abolish the present government direction of labor, they said, promising to discuss a "worker's charter" based on the principle that extra effort should produce extra reward and promotion should be on merit.

They promised the end of food and gasoline rationing when "the prime necessities of life are within reach" of all. They also said they would improve

## Parents Plead For Baby Return

New York, Jan. 26 (AP)—It took Frank and Mildred Adams just two hours to decide that they really wanted the baby they tried to give away, even if the infant did cry a lot.

the price control and supply allocation systems which were designed by the labor government to give "fair shares to all."

Contending that everyone should be able to own his own home, they proposed to empower local housing authorities to make building loans to families with only a five percent down payment.

But it was Mildred, the 23-year-old mother, who was in tears as she and her husband were held in jail on abandonment charges.

Police said the couple abandoned their four-month-old daughter, Victoria Frances, in a Bronx apartment house lobby Tuesday night, but two hours later telephoned police to reclaim the child.

"The baby was always crying, and we got panicky," the mother was quoted. "Our apartment was depressing. We decided to sell the furniture, and then abandon Victoria Frances."

Adams, 24, joined the coast guard a few days ago, after leaving a \$55-a-week clerk's job. He was awaiting assignment. The couple said they had made unsuccessful efforts to

have the baby adopted, and felt inadequate to care for it.

As soon as they had left the child, they said, they became worried.

"We love her very much," the mother said. "We do want her back."

The husband, also in tears, nodded assent.

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